

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 13, 2006 has been carefully reviewed along with the references cited therein. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 & 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) (fig. 2) in view of Patel U.S. 6,163,073, further in view of Getter U.S. 4,772,102.

The references that are combined by the Examiner fail to teach or suggest all of the claim limitations recited in the independent claims. Claim 1 recites "said switches being mounted on said first surface and closely spaced from each other in said given direction." The term "said given direction" in claim 1 is the direction in which the heat pipes extend. Similarly, claim 17 recites "a first of said at least two switches being mounted on said first surface at a first location, a second of said at least two switches being mounted on said first surface at a second location that is spaced from said first location in said given direction."

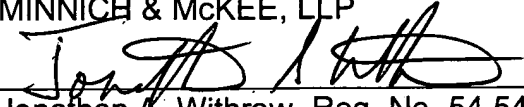
When making the rejection, the Examiner never indicated which reference disclosed or taught that the switches are spaced from one another in the same direction as the direction in which the heat pipes extend. Moreover, Patel, which the Examiner relies on to show heat pipes, makes no mention of spacing switches in the same direction as the heat pipes extend. Additionally, Getter, which the Examiner relies upon as showing a plurality of switches mounted on a heat sink, provides no motivation for spacing the switches from each other in the direction in which the heat pipes extend. As seen from above, the Examiner's proposed combination has failed to teach or suggest each claim limitation of the independent claims. Accordingly, the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case for obviousness.

CONCLUSION

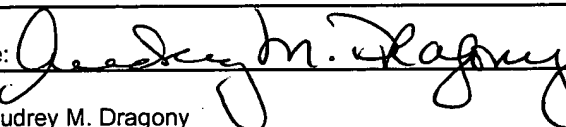
For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited. In any event, should the Examiner consider personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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